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SUBJ: 27TH ANNUAL MEETING, INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC)

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1. WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING DANISH SUPPORT AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL. INITIAL REACTION FROM EINAR LEMCHE, MINISTRY FOR GREENLAND OFFICIAL MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHALING, IS TO CONTINUE DANISH POSITION AS SHOWN IN LAST IWC ANNUAL MEETING. WE HAVE PRESSED FOR A CHANGE REFLECTING MORE SUPPORT FOR U.S. PROPOSALS IN REFTEL.

2. LEMCHE SAID HE BELIEVES THAT THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT IS THE BEST HOPE FOR WHALE CONSERVATION AND THAT DENMARK WILL NOT SUPPORT TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM BECAUSE IT SEES NO CHANCE FOR MORATORIUM TO BE ACCEPTED.

3. HOWEVER, LEMCHE IS REVIEWING THE DANISH POSITION WITH OTHER DANISH OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH WHALING IN RESPONSE TO OUR DESIRE FOR DENMARK

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TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE ACTION ON WHALE CONSERVA-

TION IN SUPPORT OF U.S. INITIATIVE.

4. WE SHALL RESPOND FURTHER TO REFTTEL IN A
FEW DAYS AFTER LEMCHE HAD HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO REVIEW THE ISSUE.
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